

Norfolk Island Regional Council

MEDIA RELEASE

SENATOR NASH VISIT

The Norfolk Island Regional Council is looking forward to welcoming Senator the Hon Fiona Nash to Norfolk Island this weekend.

I am pleased for the community to be able to join the Senator at Munna's for a public gathering on Sunday at 3:30pm. It is a great opportunity for the community to meet with the Senator who will be escorted by the Mayor,' Ms Lotta Jackson said, 'In addition, we are also looking forward to meetings with the Senator to discuss key issues facing Norfolk Island and how we can work collaboratively together to ensure excellent outcomes for this community'.

One such discussion will be on the \$297.7 million Building Better Regions Funding that Senator Nash announced on 23 November 2016. There are two streams in the fund – Infrastructure Projects and Community Investments. Further information can be read from the Senator's media release at this link

http://minister.infrastructure.gov.au/nash/releases/2016/November/fn087_2016.aspx

A quote from the Senator's media release is provided below:

The Community Investments Stream might help expand a local festival, attract a theatre production or major sporting event to the region to bring more visitors to the town, or it might be leadership or business training for young locals.

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Projects in remote and very remote areas will receive a loading on their project score, and also will not need to produce 1:1 funding. The Government will provide up to 75 per cent of the investment for remote and very remote projects.

Also, projects will now be assessed against projects of similar size, so small community projects are not competing against huge projects worth tens of millions, for example.

Lotta Jackson

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